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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraphs in the specification for corresponding paragraphs previously presented. A copy of the amended specification paragraphs showing current revisions is attached.

Paragraph [0021]:

--Referring to Figures 1 and 2, the scintillation or crystal component of the radiation detector 10 in the exemplary embodiment includes a machined crystal or scintillation element 12, preferably a sodium-iodide (NaI) crystal. Other suitable